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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: **Modification** of National Training Center and Fort Irwin Commanding General Order Implementing New Visitor Restrictions in Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

1. PURPOSE. To inform all personnel under the authority of the Commanding General, National Training Center and Fort Irwin, of the Commanding General's **Modification** of the Implementation of New Visitor Restrictions in response to Coronavirus (COVID-19).
2. AUTHORITY. Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), 10 U.S.C. Chapter 47; Army Regulation 600-20
3. APPLICABILITY. This General Order is applicable to all military personnel and DA Civilians (DAC), assigned or attached, to include tenant units and all other military personnel on Fort Irwin under the command and control of Commander, National Training Center and Fort Irwin.
4. REFERENCES. National Training Center and Fort Irwin Commanding General Stay at Home Order in Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19), dated 31 March 2020; Governor Gavin Newsome's Executive Order N-33-20, "Establishing a statewide 'stay home or at their place of residence' order in conjunction with the California Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce list for COVID-19 response efforts," dated 19 March 2020; **San Bernardino County Public Health Officer Order for the Control of COVID-19, dated 7 April 2020; SECDEF Memo Modifying and Reissuing DoD Response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 – Travel Restrictions, dated 20 April 2020; National Training Center and Fort Irwin Commanding General Stay at Home Order in Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19), dated 28 April 2020; National Training Center and Fort Irwin Commanding General Modification of Stay at Home Orders in Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19), dated 10 April 2020 and 28 April 2020**

Per SECDEF Memo Modifying and Reissuing DoD Response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 – Travel Restrictions, dated 20 April 2020, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) continues to present significant risk to our forces as the DoD considers domestic and overseas personnel

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travel. These movements present the threat of spreading COVID-19 within our ranks and communities, to include our own FICA community. As the SEDEF highlighted and which I am reinforcing now through the modification of this Order, my number one priority remains protecting our Service members, DoD civilians, and their families as well as the entire FICA community.

5. PUNITIVE ORDER. The provisions contained in paragraph 6, 7, and their subparagraphs constitute a punitive order for Service Members. Violations may be punished with appropriate administrative, non-judicial, and/or judicial action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

6. DEFINITIONS

a. The term "home" as used in this order encompasses an individual's residence, to include an individual's barracks, family residence, or other living arrangement.

b. The term "visitor(s)" is defined as, any person who does not normally reside in the home of the Service Member.

7. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES. In order to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of Service Members, civilian employees, their families, and the community, I
HEREBY ORDER THAT:

a. Visitation. Fort Irwin will immediately implement new visitor restrictions with the intent to restrict out of area visitors because of the threat of potential exposure to COVID-19. Department of Defense (DoD) ID Card Holders – to include Active Duty, Dependents, Retirees, DA Civilians, Contractors, Service Providers, Veteran Card Holders, and those that have official DoD business are exempt from this restriction. I am the approval authority for any exceptions to this policy. **As a reminder, per my Orders dated 31 March 2020 and 28 April 2020, Service members and their families will not have any visitors inside their home unless they are authorized visitors properly approved through the chain of command, and they will ensure appropriate social distancing will be maintained at all times.** This limitation does not apply to interactions between individuals living within the same home. Service members living within the barracks will have no more than one visitor in the same barracks room at the same time. **Also, as a reminder, House and barracks parties are strictly forbidden.**

8. COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITIES. All commanders shall ensure their personnel and Soldier Family Readiness Group (SFRG) leaders are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this order. This includes the spouses of deployed military personnel.

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9. **WAIVERS AND ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.** Requests for waivers of any provision of this General Order must be submitted by the endorsing commander, through the chain of command to me for decision. Subordinate commanders may impose additional restrictions consistent with this General Order if necessary for good order and discipline. Any additional restrictions imposed by a commander will be forwarded to the Chief of Staff, National Training Center and Fort Irwin.

10. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** **Effective date of this order is 30 April 2020 and remains in effect until 30 June 2020, unless I rescind earlier, or modified in conjunction with local, state, or DoD guidance. I will continue to conduct a continuous conditions-based assessment of the COVID-19 pandemic as it relates to FICA. Based on this assessment, I will review this Order every 15 days to determine if any further modifications are necessary. As we continue to monitor the rapidly evolving COVID-19 outbreak, this Order will be updated, as warranted, consistent with my priorities outlined in paragraph 4 of this order.**



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